

Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

In the Senate on the 28th the bill relating to the enforcement of the anti-polymony law in Utah was reported for passage. Both houses adjourned on account of the death of Representative Mackey of South Carolina.

In the Senate on the 29th the bill repealing the timber-culture law was placed on the calendar. A resolution instructing the Postal Committee to inquire into the telegraph charges had been affected by stock divisions of the Western Union Company was laid over. Sherman's resolution on the Virginia and Mississippi elections was adopted after a brief discussion. Resolutions appropriating \$11,000 for improvements above the Rock Island arsenal, inquiring as to the expediency of admitting all printed reading matter to the mails free, and to appropriate \$100,000 for the Crow Indians were adopted. The House today passed the bill repealing the timber-culture law. The bill regarding titles to Mexican land grants was discussed without action. In the House a resolution was adopted to hold the funeral of Mr. Mackey in Representative Hall on the 30th. Bills were introduced in provision for tariff changes, public buildings, bridges, pensions, and relating to currency and labor topics. Mr. Hopkins offered a resolution to investigate the charges of attempted corruption made by ex-Speaker Keifer against General Boynton. Correspondence between Keifer and Boynton was read and a committee was finally appointed to investigate.

In the Senate on the 30th petitions were presented asking for the passage of a law to prohibit the sale of liquor in the District of Columbia and the several Territories. The conference report recommending that the Senate recede from its amendment providing that only volunteers be sent on the Greely relief expedition was taken up. Mr. Salisbury suggested that if the Secretary of the Navy had a grudge against any officer he could gratify it by detailing him for this perilous service. He hoped the Senate would not recede. Mr. Hale took a contrary view. Before a decision was reached, the hour arrived for adjournment to attend Representative Mackey's funeral. In the House a resolution was adopted extending the scope of the Hot Springs investigation. Several bills were introduced and referred. Business was then suspended, and the members of both branches of Congress assembled to attend the funeral services, which were held in the Hall of the House.

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A LONG pending suit against the heirs of ex-Governor Alvarado of California for \$2,000,000 worth of land has been decided in favor of the defendants.

SOME three months ago Mrs. Claggett, of the Salvation Army, was fined in the Police Court at Wheeling, W. Va., for disorderly conduct in playing the tamborine in a street parade. The higher court has reversed the judgment.

WHILE seeking the origin of the enormous fortune left by Mgr. Di Cesare, who was lately assassinated, the Italian police have discovered that he was a paymaster of the Neapolitan soldiers and brigands sent in 1890 and 1891 into the Kingdom of Italy by King Francis of Naples.

CRIMES AND CAUSALITIES.

On the 28th a train of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad was derailed near Chattanooga, Tenn., and the engineer and firemen were fatally injured.

FIRE destroyed the Phoenix Glass Works at Phillipsburg, Pa., on the 30th; loss, \$125,000.

At Rome, N. Y., during a fire on the 30th, an explosion occurred by which two men were killed.

At Southwick, Mass., by an accident on the New Haven & North Hampton Road on the 30th, several trainmen and passengers were badly injured.

A TENEMENT on Sixth avenue, New York, burned the morning of the 30th, the occupants escaping by way of the roof. Two women were fatally burned and others were seriously injured.

At Dubuque, Ia., on the 30th, Fred Schubert, an old man seventy years of age, was struck by a train of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. He clung to the cow-catcher and was dragged several hundred yards, receiving injuries from which he will die.

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THE latest sensation in London is the failure of P. W. Thomas & Co., whose liabilities are over \$4,000,000 and assets nothing. One of the members of the firm has absconded.

At Troy, N. Y., on the 31st, the police broke up a patrol of union molders maintained at the Malleable Iron Works, where non-union men are employed.

On the 31st three human bodies packed in whisky casks and shipped from Baltimore to Chicago were seized by the police, and John Carlsen, a veterinary surgeon, who paid express charges on them, was arrested. It is supposed to be a dissecting-room consignment.

SINCE June 30 the public debt reduction has been \$65,007,488.

On the 1st the National debt less cash in the Treasury was \$1,486,583,719.

For the week ended the 1st the failures reported in the United States and Canada numbered 373.

SKYES, who killed Kate Townsend, in New Orleans, has been acquitted.

It is expected that the garrison at Tokkar, in the Soudan, will speedily be forced to surrender.

On the 1st John C. Collins, a California stage-robber and murderer, was hanged at San Francisco.

On the 1st the rivers were reported out of their banks in Western Pennsylvania, and considerable bottom land was inundated.

A RAID was made by sixty policemen on a cock-pit at Philadelphia, Pa., the night of the 1st, and ninety-five spectators and seventy-two chickens were captured.

A DELEGATION representing the labor organizations of the country is at Washington favoring legislation to prohibit importation of foreign laborers under contract.

THE recent disaster on the Monon route near Indianapolis was caused, it is supposed, by weakening the truss of the bridge by withdrawing some of the rods while making repairs.

A NUMBER of prominent citizens of Reading, Pa., raced horses on the highway recently, and have been arrested for it under an old law passed in the last century. The penalty for it is confiscation and sale of the horses and cutters.

It is reported that Post-office Inspector Lanier, recently dismissed the service, as fled to South America. He is charged with swindling a large number of Postmasters out of considerable sums by calling on them for funds to aid in the arrest of criminals.

IN the United States Court, in San Francisco, Judge Hoffman in a long explanatory decision on the Chinese habeas corpus cases, concluded that in accordance with articles of the treaty, Chinese who were in the United States at the date of the treaty, November 17, 1882, and who left the United States before the passage of the restriction act May 16, 1882, are entitled to land.

LAST year the Marquis de Moeres shipped 12,000 sheep from Wisconsin and Iowa to ranges in Montana. He now reports that fifty-five per cent. have died. The animals swell up and bleed at the nose before death. Post-mortem examination disclosed extravasation of blood in the intestines. It is an incurable disease heretofore unknown.

WITHIN the past three years one hundred and thirty-five companies have been incorporated under the "telegraph companies' act," in New York. The total capital represented by these organizations is \$225,000,000. In no other line of incorporation do the records of the Secretary of State show such competition.

A CONSOLIDATION has been effected of the Iowa and Minnesota Telephone Company, with headquarters at Dubuque, Ia., and the Iowa Union Telephone Company, of Davenport. Committees were appointed for the extension and improvement of the line.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

WENDELL PHILLIPS died on the 2d at his home in Boston.

JOSEPHINE GALLMEYER, the actress, died on the 3d in Vienna.

M. ROUBIER, the French statesman, died at nine o'clock the morning of the 3d in Paris.

THE remains of De Long and companions, with escort, passed through Berlin on the 3d.

ADOLPH HEIRSCH, wanted for swindling in Texas, was arrested in New York on the 3d.

GOVERNOR CRITTENDEN was asked to pardon Dick Little, that he might be used as a witness in the coming trial of Frank James. The pardon was refused.

SANDY ROBINSON, a negro who had murdered a Deputy Sheriff, was taken from jail by a mob at Crockett, Tex., on the morning of the 3d and lynched.

THERE were several Nationalist meetings in Ireland, on the 3d. At Ballymote, Sligo, there was a riot in which several Orangemen and Nationalists were wounded.

THERE was a grand Imperial Ball at the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg on the 2d at which the Czar and Czarina circulated freely among the seven hundred and twenty guests. No Nihilists were invited.

ARRANGEMENTS for the Winter Carnival at Montreal, Can., are completed.

LONG ISLAND has another sensation, and is now agitated over an atrocious poisoning case.

SIXTY-two new pupils recently arrived at the Carlisle (Pa.) Indian training school.

THE coinage for January was \$4,221,000, of which \$2,350,000 was in standard dollars.

THE Vienna police have made out a list of foreigners who are to be expelled from the country.

THE Mexican Central Railroad is to be completed to the Rio Grande by the middle of March.

A GRAIN warehouse at Minneapolis, Minn., burst on the 2d, letting out 40,000 bushels of wheat; damage, \$70,000.

A DIVER employed by the Boston Underwriters reports the storage of the wrecked steamer City of Columbia full of corpses.

WM. MEAGLE, one of the witnesses in the Phoenix Park trials, complains of frequent assaults and general hostility from the Dublin sympathizers with the assassins.

THE House Public Lands Committee will recommend forfeiture of the grants of the Oregon and California Railroad and the California and Oregon, covering 5,000,000 acres.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Alex Roberts, a wholesaler in rubber stamps, committed suicide in St. Louis a few days ago by hanging himself. He was a German, fifty-five years of age, and the name Roberts is supposed to have been assumed.

James J. O'Brien, supposedly of St. Louis, a traveling salesman of the Fairbanks Scales Company, was run over and killed by the Burlington train on the Union Depot platform at Kansas City a few nights ago. No one knows how the accident happened, as the remains were not discovered until the entire train had passed over them. He was cut and mangled almost beyond recognition.

Nine dressed hogs were taken to Lexington a few days since by a farmer who claimed to live in Jackson County. Six of them were sold, when it was discovered that two of the carcasses were covered with knots or protuberances. A knife stuck in one of them, and greenish yellow matter oozed out. The farmer was made to take back the animals he had sold, and left for home with the same number he took to town. The suggestion was made that the animals had died from cholera. Be this as it may, the animals were evidently diseased and the farmer who offered them for sale committed a criminal offense.

Geo. C. Hermann, city editor of the St. Joe Volksblatt, was granted a divorce from his wife a few days ago. Hermann was formerly an officer in the German army, and his wife is a highly educated lady. In August last Mr. Hermann was informed by John Hesse that both Mrs. Hesse and Mrs. Hermann had been intimate with a man named John Brandell. Hermann accused his wife of it, but she denied it, and a few days subsequently attempted to commit suicide. Mrs. Hesse shortly afterward disappeared, and her dead body was found a few days afterward in the Missouri river, where she had drowned herself. Mrs. Hermann recovered and returned to Germany.

J. K. Tanager, Secretary of the Southwest Mining and Prospecting Company, which has recently opened two shafts a few miles north of Springfield, reports that they have struck, at a depth of ten feet, both gold and silver in paying quantities.

Officer Hickey, of St. Louis, fired a shot after a fleeing thief, a few days ago, and hit a young man named H. S. Blood, employed in the Auditor's office of the Missouri Pacific Road. The wound was not serious.

In a foundry in St. Louis, a few days ago, two maceinists were found with stabs which allowed their lungs to protrude. Their names are Charles Meyer and Allen Berger, and after receiving medical attention they stated that their wounds were inflicted by the engineer, Charles Koebel. The latter has been arrested, and will be held for murder, as Meyers has died of his wounds.

The abstract of the assessment of Jackson County just received at the State Auditor's office, shows a net gain over last year in the taxable wealth of that county of \$9,704,999. Of the thirty counties reported only two—Lewis and Lincoln—show a falling off. These thirty counties show a net increase over last year of \$16,638,466. The southwestern counties, as far as reported, all show a very great increase over last year. The net gain throughout the State will probably reach \$35,000,000 or \$40,000,000.

Mrs. Patience M. Parsons, widow of the late General M. L. Parsons, died at her residence in Jefferson City a few days ago of old age and general debility. The deceased was the mother of the late Confederate General Monroe Parsons, and with her husband and family emigrated to Cole County at an early day. She was eighty-one years old and leaves four surviving children, Mrs. Standish Berry and Mrs. Turner, of Jefferson City, and Mrs. Trickey, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

A few mornings since a burglar entered the residence of T. C. Liphard, a conductor on the M. & T. Railroad, at Sedalia, and stole a gold watch worth \$125 and \$800 in cash from Liphard's clothing. As the burglar fled from the house Mr. Liphard fired at him with a revolver, but unfortunately did not hit his man. The residence of Judge Charles Richardson was also entered and carefully examined, but only a small amount of property and \$5 in money were taken.

Adolph Berndt, a civil engineer, committed suicide, a few days ago, at his lodgings in St. Louis.

Judge Treat, in the United States Court at St. Louis, sentenced Berthold Falkenhainer to two years' imprisonment. Falkenhainer was a postal clerk convicted of robbing the mails.

Ex-Police Commissioner Kinkaid of St. Louis, on a preliminary examination on a charge of perjury was discharged.

In the billiard match in St. Louis between Billy Catton and Eugene Carter, of Cleveland, O., 3,000 points, Catton was the victor, nearly doubling the score of his opponent.

Frank Hayner who early in 1882 embezzled \$5,698 from Cash, Stewart & Co., of St. Louis and disappeared, was recently captured at Jacksonville, Ill., and the necessary papers procured for his return to St. Louis for trial.

The revival services being conducted in St. Louis by the "Boy Preacher," Harrison, are attracting crowds nightly that exceed the capacity of the edifice in which they are held. Much religious interest is being manifested and numerous conversions are reported.

The subject of a World's Fair to be held in St. Louis in 1892 in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, is receiving a great deal of attention.

The largest gorge of ice known for many years fills the Mississippi River for many miles above the bridge at St. Louis, and serious damage is anticipated when it breaks away.

Signs point to a break up.

Hiram H. Post, of St. Louis, after embezzling \$5,370 from his employer, the McCormick Harvester Company, took a dose of laudanum and then wounded himself in the throat with a knife. He is superintendent of a Baptist Sunday-school, and has a wife and two children. It was thought he would recover.

Mrs. Ann Dalton, the oldest woman in St. Louis, died a few days ago at the age of 108 years. She was a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland. Her oldest daughter is still living at the age of eighty-eight years and another eighty-five.

Mrs. Mary C. Gantt, wife of Judge T. T. Gantt, of St. Louis, died recently.

A PLUNGE TO DEATH.

A Passenger Train on the Monon Route Plunged Through a Bridge Over White River, Near Indianapolis—Six Persons Reported to Death in the Burning Cars and Several Injured.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 31. The accommodation train from Monon, due here at 10:30 o'clock a. m., had made the last stop before reaching Indianapolis, and was just getting under headway when it began to cross the bridge over White River. The train consisted of an engine, baggage and express car, smoking-car and ladies' coach. Conductor W. S. Losey was in charge, and John Bremer was engineer. The latter, after leaving the station, however, had gone into the baggage-car for some purpose unknown, leaving James Nonan, the fireman, in charge of the engine. The bridge was of the ordinary Howe truss pattern, consisting of two spans, each 150 feet in length.

A speed of about fifteen miles per hour had been attained, and the train had pulled its full length on the bridge, when Nonan felt the baggage-car sinking. He had his hand on the throttle-valve at the moment, and instinctively pulled her wide open. As the engine shot forward the baggage-car plunged downward, and the tender was separated at both ends from its connections and the engine fairly climbed into a position of safety on the remaining span. The jerk lifted the tender off the rails, and it ran a short distance on the ties and stringers without leaving the bridge.

The first break in the bridge occurred directly under the baggage-car. The train seemed to be pressed down by some supernatural power, and it dropped like lead into the water below. The smoker forged ahead a few feet and dropped squarely upon the forward car. The rear coach went down through a second break in the span and the channel was choked with the debris of the bridge and of the forward part of the train.

News of the disaster reached the city in a few minutes. The railroad officials acted with the most commendable promptness in dispatching a relief and wrecking train. Inside of an hour after the accident occurred the train was on the ground, but little could be done owing to the want of peculiar facilities with which to work.

The sight that presented itself was sufficient to justify the harrowing rumors that rapidly found their way into circulation through the streets. Half the bridge was down, and the debris of the cars in flames, which originated from the stoves in the coaches, nothing but the wheels and other iron work remained. A dozen men were endeavoring to quench the flames with buckets of water, but unavailingly. Soon a large bucket brigade was formed of volunteers on the relief train, and the burning wreck was rapidly cooled so as to permit the work of recovering the bodies to begin. The dead and seriously injured were all confined in the ruins of the smoker and baggage car, and these lying one on top of the other were in deep water near the pier. The river was high and the current strong, and icy, adding to the difficulties of the work, which was quite tedious, there being only one skiff to work in. It was a sickening and heartrending labor. Five bodies, almost unrecognizable trunks or other portions of the human body were taken from the smoldering pile. The names of those dead, together with their residences, were:

John H. Brewer, engineer, Lafayette, La.; J. E. Ricketts, baggage master, Monon; Abel Smith, American Express Messenger, Madison.

George Lowrey, brakeman, Buena Vista; John Bray, Dining, Ind., passenger; Lynn Clark, Westfield, a passenger, injured fatally.

The others injured, all of whom were passengers save White and Parker, are: W. P. Houk, Westfield, Ind., head cut and bruised.

William A. Zamars, ex-Sheriff of Hamilton County, arm broken, face cut, side bruised.

William T. Swigart, Carmel, skull fractured and hip hurt.

B. J. White, brigdman, bruised.

Charles Parker, brigdman, face and head cut.

Mrs. Sullivan and baby, wife and child of section boss, bruised.

J. E. Horton, slightly scorched and bruised.

Thomas Parr, Superintendent of Bridge Repairs on the road, who was working on the bridge when it was down. Another man, and it is believed his body is underneath the wreck at the bottom of the stream.

The ladies' car was thrown on end, and frightful scenes ensued. Mrs. Sullivan, with her babe tightly and securely clasped against her head, wedged in between seats. She was released and all made their way out, only to hear the frightful cries of the more unfortunate in the front car. The smoker were instances of unparalleled sufferings and of great bravery. From this car there was no escape for the unfortunate, whose injuries did not allow voluntary motion.

The suspicion raised by a statement of Conductor Losey that three unknown bodies are yet in the wreck is strengthened by the report that several persons are missing. Among them are Elwood Moon, a merchant at Hortonville, who is said to have been on the train and has not since been seen. He has a wife and ten children. Another passenger of whom nothing is known is Mat Hayes, of Louisville, a traveling agent for Fairbanks' Scale Company. His wife is the daughter of M. McCord, Secretary of the Indianapolis Car Company, who drove out to the scene of the wreck in search of his son-in-law.

Although the bridge was being repaired, stay-bolts being tightened and girders moved, no signals were displayed calling for caution in running over the structure, and the most ordinary precautions against danger under the circumstances appear to have been neglected.

Those of the wounded who are so badly injured that they could not be moved were carried for in the village of Dr. J. J. H. residence being turned into a sort of hospital. Lindley Clark, of Hadam, Kan., formerly a resident of Westfield, is fatally injured, his hurts being internal and on the head. He has a family.

W. A. Seemans, proprietor of the Westfield Mills, and Wm. T. Swigart are in a serious condition. W. P. Houk, who was badly burned and cut about the head, is a postal clerk on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago Railroad, running between Cincinnati and Chicago. He was taken to his home in Westfield. He had been laying off for some days, and was on his way to Indianapolis to resume his run to-night.

This is the most serious accident of the nature that has ever occurred in Central Indiana. It created great excitement in the city and the bulletin-boards were eagerly scanned for the latest information from the wreck. The management of the road is quite popular and offer the victims of the terrible affair every convenience. The road itself was the object of sympathy in the unfortunate experience that brought two such dreadful catastrophes to the same line in successive months.

Will They Never Learn?

DALLAS, TEX., Jan. 31. W. P. Vaughn, of Coliad, Tex., returning from a visit to Illinois, was today windmilled by confidence crooks out of \$100. One represented himself as an old acquaintance named Steward, telling Vaughn he had been East and purchased a big stock of goods to engage in business at Victoria, Tex. A third party with the words "Express Agent" on the front of his cap came up and presented a bill of charges amounting to \$1,000 against the alleged stock of goods. Vaughn took a \$1,000 bond of the City, Dallas, and Silver Mining Company and advanced \$910 on it. The bond is worthless and the swindlers are gone.

A THIEF AT BAY.

A Desperate Negro Thief's Determined Fight and Escape From His Pursuers—The Booty Recovered.

CAIRO, ILL., Feb. 1.

Wednesday last a negro named Chas. Allen robbed a trunk belonging to his partner, Luce Adams, of seventy-five dollars, and sloped. Yesterday morning officers Sheehan and Hogan were placed in charge of the case and were not long in locating the whereabouts of the thief, and at nine a. m., yesterday, well mounted, started up the track of the Cairo & St. Louis Railroad in pursuit. Seven miles out trace of the fugitive was found where he had rested at a Methodist Church, taking a short cut from there toward the Cache River. As they came in sight of the house of a colored man named Henderson the scamp was seen to enter the back door. Riding up a call was made for him to